

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: A METHOD OF MANIPULATING AN ALREADY SENT E-MAIL AND  
CORRESPONDING SERVER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title insert the heading --**Background of the Invention**--.

Page 2, line 24 (according to the line numbering), insert the heading --**Summary of the Invention**--.

Page 3, delete lines 1-5 in their entirety and insert:

This object , and others that appear below, is achieved by a method of manipulating a sent e-mail, addressed by a sender to at least one addressee, the method comprising the steps of: routing a modification message over a data network to a server, on which at least the body of the sent e-mail is stored, the modification message being sent by the sender and dedicated to modify the e-mail body; and modifying the e-mail's body at the server according to the modification message, if the body of the e-mail has not been accessed by any of the addressees.